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**EXTENSION REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO MARCH 29, 2005, BOARD AGENDA
ITEM 34 RE: ALTERNATIVE SERVICES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM CONTRACT**

At the March 29, 2005 Board meeting, although the Board approved a six month extension of the existing Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Alternative Services for Youth (ASFY) Program contract, the Board additionally directed DCFS, in preparation for the new solicitation process, to report back in two weeks regarding its exploration of those areas within Los Angeles County that currently have the highest need for ASFY program services; and its examination of the possibility of further expanding this program countywide.

This is to request an additional 30 days to complete a more meaningful examination of the possibility of countywide expansion. Although DCFS has begun identifying the quality of schools throughout all of the various school districts available to the population of youth that this program serves, the additional time will allow for a deeper comparative analysis of the data as well as of funding sources that could potentially support countywide expansion. As such, unless instructed otherwise, I will proceed with a new submission date of Monday, May 16, 2005.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations Manager, at (213) 351-5530.

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